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SUBJECT: SECRETARY VANCE'S TRIP TO MOSCOW

REF: USNATO 3672

1. DEPARTMENT REGRETS THAT IT WILL NOT RPT NOT BE POSSIBLE
FOR A MEMBER OF THE SECRETARY'S PARTY TO BRIEF THE NAC
PRIOR TO THE MOSCOW TRIP. MISSION MAY WISH, HOWEVER, TO
COMMENT BRIEFLY TO PERMREPS ON THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP.

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2. IN DOING SO, YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT THE SECRETARY WILL
DISCUSS A NUMBER OF ISSUES IN US-SOVIET RELATIONS, AND
SALT WILL OBVIOUSLY BE A PRIMARY FOCUS OF THE TALKS. THE
SECRETARY BELIEVES THAT AN AGREEMENT IS POSSIBLE IN THE
NEAR FUTURE AND IS HOPEFUL THAT THE MOSCOW DISCUSSIONS
WILL PRODUCE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS ON THE REMAINING ISSUES.
AT THE FEBRUARY 24 NAC, THE ALLIES WERE BROUGHT UP TO DATE

ON THE STATE OF PLAY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND ARE AWARE OF
THOSE ISSUES WHICH REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED. WE DO NOT EXPECT
THE MOSCOW MEETINGS TO BE CONCLUSIVE, HOWEVER, AND FURTHER
NEGOTIATIONS WILL DOUBTLESS BE NECESSARY BEFORE FINAL
AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED.

3. AS FOR BRIEFING THE NAC FOLLOWING THE MOSCOW TRIP,
WE WILL BE TRANSMITTING A REPORT THROUGH AMBASSADOR
BENNETT TO THE NAC.

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